



TEIGNMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and the
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for 1969

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Teignmouth Port Health Authority

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I submit the Annual Report for the Teignmouth Port Health Authority for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

I have become increasingly aware of the dangers of importing rabid animals via the coasting traffic which use Ports such as Teignmouth. I have been in contact with the Customs and Excise and also with the Police and it would seem that it is a near impossibility for the present policing arrangements to ensure that no animal could be brought ashore from one of these vessels. Many such ships carry pet dogs and cats and if we are to be quite sure that no animals are illegally imported, either by intent or by accident, it would seem essential that the International Regulations should be strengthened to make sure that susceptible pets should not be carried aboard these ships.

H.M. DAVIES

Medical Officer of Health

April, 1970.

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SECTION 1 - Staff

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
Dr. H.M. Davies	Port Medical Officer	10th July, 1953	M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health: Ashburton U.D.C. Dawlish U.D.C. Newton Abbot R.D.C. Newton Abbot U.D.C. Teignmouth U.D.C. Departmental Medical Officer: Devon County Council
P. Langston	Port Health Inspector	1st April, 1959	M.A.P.H.I., Cert.S.I.E.J.B., Cert. Meat Inspector.	Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer: Teignmouth U.D.C.
K. Davies	Assistant Port Health Inspector	1st November, 1967	M.A.P.H.I., Cert.P.H.I.E.B., Dip. M. & F.	Assistant Public Health Inspector: Teignmouth U.D.C.

SECTION 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	282	68,430	4	147	Nil
Coastwise	320	83,891	8	207	Nil
Total:	602	152,321	12	354	Nil



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SECTION 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

Number of passengers INWARDS ...

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Number of passengers OUTWARDS ...

This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920

CARGO TRAFFIC

Principal IMPORTS: Coal, Timber, Tiles,
Fertilizer, Grain
(Animal Foodstuffs),
Hardboard and Potatoes.

Principal EXPORTS: Clay and Coke.

PORTS from which Ships arrive

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bayonne, Bilbao, Bremen, Brest, Caen, Calais, Capella, Cherbourg, Concarneau, Dieppe, Dordrecht, Duvarnenez, Dunkirk, Fecamp, Gijon, Granville, Ghent, Gruvon, Guernsey, Hamburg, Hamina, Honfleur, Kasko, Kemi, Kiel, Kotka, Le Guildo, Le Havre, La Pallice, Morlaix, Nantes, Pafajef, Pelluden, Pontrieux, Quimper, Randers, Roscoff, Rotterdam, Rouen, Rumpst, Santander, St. Brieuc, St. Helier, St. Malo, St. Nazaire, St. Peter Port, Scheveningen, Treguir, Treport, Uddeualla, Zaandam.

COASTWISE

Amble, Appledore, Ardrossan, Avonmouth, Barnstaple, Barrow, Barrydock, Belfast, Bideford, Birkenhead, Blyth, Bridgwater, Bridport, Bristol, Cardiff, Charlestown, Coleraine, Cork, Cowes, Dartmouth, Dover, Dublin, Dundalk, Dungarven, Exmouth, Falmouth, Felixstowe, Flushing, Fowey, Galway, Garston, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Greenock, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, Hayle, Hull, Kilkeel, Kilrush, Kinsale, Lancaster, Limerick, Littlehampton, Liverpool, London, Londonderry, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milford Haven, Mostyn, Newhaven, Newport, New Ross, Par, Penzance, Plymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, Preston, Runcorn, Sharpness, Shoreham, Silloth, Southampton, Swansea, Totnes, Truro, Waterford, Weymouth.

SECTION 1V - Inland barge traffic

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

SECTION V - Water supply

No change.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

No change.

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SECTION VII - Smallpox

1. The Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases will be sent from the district, is the Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall. Tel. No. 2385.
2. Transport arrangements will be made by the Plymouth Ambulance Service. Tel. No. 64101.
3. The following Consultant is available as and when necessary:-

Dr. W.H. St.John-Brooks,
West Cornwall Hospital,
Penzance, Cornwall.

Tel. No. Penzance 2382

4. Specimens for laboratory diagnosis will be sent to the:-

Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale Avenue,
London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

No change.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

No cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria were notified during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No action was necessary under this section.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats

Enquiries are made from Masters of vessels using the Port, by the Public Health Inspector, regarding the presence of rats.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

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3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

A ship requiring deratting can now be dealt with at Teignmouth.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

No action was taken in this matter at Teignmouth during 1969

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

No rats were destroyed at Teignmouth during 1969, in ships from foreign ports.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

No Deratting Certificates were issued during 1969. Forty-five Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during 1969.

SECTION XI111 - Inspection of ships for nuisances

Inspections and Notices

One hundred and forty inspections were carried out during 1969.

SECTION XI1V - Public Health (Shell-fish)
Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No change.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this Authority.

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